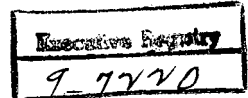


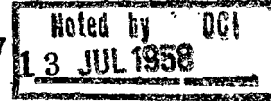
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I enclose, not without misgivings, copy of a letter I have just written Judge Proskauer concerning the Hughes Chair. The misgivings arise only because I know you to be under heavy pressure, and I don't want to make undue calls upon your energy and generous disposition. As my letter indicates, however, it is clear that a few special gifts are urgently needed.

When we met in Mr. Grew's home some months ago, you expressed a willingness to tackle Paul Mellon about one such gift. As I told you then, I had written him myself some time earlier about it but the letter was handled by one of his men Friday, and I doubt that Mr. Mellon ever saw it. Certainly I would welcome the opportunity of doffing my hat to one who now succeeded where I had failed. If the figure is not quite happy, it is only because my hat is already off to you for all that you are doing.

Faithfully yours,

Everett Case

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
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Enclosure

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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My dear Judge Proskauer:

Back in the office after a summer bout with the surgeon, from which I have made a good recovery, I have been reviewing with Mr. Dittman the current status of the Hughes Fund. Including \$10,000 from thirteen members of the Committee and about \$13,000 raised since our luncheon primarily through the efforts of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and one or two other Committee members, our total now stands at \$97,286. We must face the fact, I think, that results have not been commensurate with the expenditure of effort. True the upstate constituency is still to be heard from; indeed, I have been concerned lest Ned Lewis should attempt too much too soon following his operation of last spring. On the evidence to date, however, it is unrealistic to expect very sizeable returns from that quarter, and certainly it is clear that alumni response can be little more than nominal at a time when the Development Fund as a whole is making large and continuing demands upon their purse. Perhaps the most serious disappointment of all, however, has been the limited response of the profession both in the numbers giving and in the size of the typical contribution.

Accepting all this as hard if unpalatable fact the question is where we are to go from here. Assuming that gifts from Committee members who have not yet contributed raise our total to \$100,000, we desperately need three or four--better still five or six--special gifts, which would average \$25,000 apiece. Such a gift from Paul Mellon would seem to be singularly appropriate and Allen Dulles has promised to tackle him about it at the first opportunity. (I shall write him a reminder.) Despite discouraging reports from Mr. Hubbard about the Dukes, a similar grant from that source would also be appropriate, and I am exploring other channels to them. As for Alcoa, Mr. Randall LeMoine succeeded in getting a helpful gift from the Trustees of their foundation where I had failed. The amount, however, was modest, and we can hardly expect more. Nor does their response make me optimistic of sizeable grants from either G.E. or Westinghouse.

Hopeful of securing a grant from the William W. Crosswell

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Fund, you also said that you might speak to Joe Hartfield about a grant from the Wellman Fund. Do you have any other suggestions? With the aid of Jim Brouder, I have already approached the Ford Foundation to no avail, and when I suggested to the Fund for the Advancement of Education a gift in memory of our original Chairman, Mr. Justice Roberts, I discovered that they had acted immediately after his death to make such a memorial grant to the University of Pennsylvania. In view of the source of our first anonymous gift, I have hesitated to approach the Rockefeller Foundation, and a generous five-year grant for other purposes from the Carnegie people is now in its third year, so I can hardly go to them.

Would this, do you suppose, have any appeal to Mr. Alfred Sloan? If so, he should probably be approached by someone else since I have successfully approached him to help in meeting other current University needs. Would any of the Guggenheims or the Laskers be likely prospects? Also I am wondering which member of our Committee might best approach Mr. Winthrop Aldrich or Stephen Clark?

I am addressing this letter to you rather than to Mr. Grew because he was not very well at the beginning of the summer and I am not sure whether he has yet returned to Washington. I am, however, sending a copy to his Washington home, hoping that his health has so far benefitted from the summer that he may be able to give it his attention. Mr. Hoover has not yet contributed, and it might be that a letter, or better still a call, from Mr. Grew would be productive there. Inasmuch as I am sending Mr. Grew a copy of this letter, I shall not press that question further.

Forgive my bothering you with these concerns when, as I hope, you are fresh from a satisfying summer at Lake Placid. While I am disappointed at our slow progress, I am not downhearted, and I am rapidly regaining the strength to tackle this problem afresh. In no sense am I trying to shift the burden to your shoulders; rather I am trying to take stock of facts and potentialities and to solicit once more your always helpful advice.

Jo and I still remember with deep satisfaction the visit you and Mrs. Proskauer paid us in June and the memorable words you spoke at the luncheon following Commencement. Could I approach your eloquence my citation might have done justice to its subject.

Faithfully yours,

Everett Case

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